

Farm Numbers, Cash Rents, and Land Values: Louisiana, 1997-2000

Item	Unit	1997	1998	1999	2000
Number of Farms	Number	30,000	30,000	30,000	29,500
Land in Farms	Acres	8,200,000	8,200,000	8,150,000	8,100,000
Average Size of Farm	Acres	273	273	272	275
Cash Rents for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	70.60	70.00	72.80	70.00
Cash Rents for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	48.00	49.00	49.60	51.90
Cash Rents for Pasture	Dollars	13.00	16.00	15.50	14.00
Land Values for Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	920.00	928.00	990.00	1,060.00
Land Values for Non-Irrigated Cropland	Dollars	1,120.00	1,100.00	1,080.00	1,120.00
Land Values for Pasture	Dollars	1,210.00	1,200.00	1,160.00	1,150.00

Trends in Farmland Acreage, Use, and Value: Louisiana, 1982-1997 ^{1/}

Item	Unit	1982	1987	1992	1997
Number of Farms	Number	31,628	27,350	25,652	23,823
Land in Farms	Acres	8,928,827	8,007,173	7,837,545	7,876,528
Average Size of Farms	Acres	282	293	306	331
Average Per Farm Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	381,817	268,630	291,332	380,871
Average Per Acre Value of Land & Buildings	Dollars	1,351	940	972	1,206
Total Cropland	Acres	6,093,474	5,562,736	5,552,733	5,331,411
Harvested Cropland	Acres	4,699,323	3,599,678	3,810,690	3,882,648
Cropland Used for Pasture or Grazing	Acres	915,751	828,707	876,372	840,581
All Other Cropland	Acres	478,400	1,134,351	865,671	608,182
Irrigated Land	Acres	693,689	646,677	897,641	942,528
Number of Farms, Under 10 Acres	Number	2,461	2,066	1,934	1,650
Number of Farms, 10-179 Acres	Number	18,976	16,047	14,786	13,914
Number of Farms, 180-999 Acres	Number	8,249	7,413	7,024	6,157
Number of Farms, 1,000-1,999 Acres	Number	1,343	1,279	1,345	1,388
Number of Farms, 2,000 Acres & Over	Number	599	545	563	714
Number of Farms by Tenure of Operator, Full-	Number	18,524	15,770	13,751	13,133
Number of Farms by Tenure of Operator, Part-	Number	9,226	7,894	8,018	7,450
Number of Farms by Tenure of Operator,	Number	3,878	3,686	3,883	3,240

^{1/} Source for data 1982-1992: U.S. Census of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Census Bureau. The U.S. Census of Agriculture is conducted once every five years. The 1997 Census of Agriculture was conducted and published by the National Agricultural Statistics Service for the first time. The numbers above reflect actual reported data, they have not been adjusted for non-response. Totals adjusted for non-coverage can be found in the 1997 Census of Agriculture publication.